

Product supply shortages addressed for *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Apotex Inc. that the shortage for Zamine 21 Tablet (DIN 02410788) has been resolved. Due to the long-term nature of this shortage, a transition period will be applied, and as a result, the LCA price policy will be reapplied to the following grouping effective **February 3, 2017**.

DROSPIRENONE / ETHINYL ESTRADIOL

3 MG / 0.03 MG TABLET

00002410788	ZAMINE 21	APX	\$ 0.4293
00002261723	YASMIN 21	BAI	\$ 0.5924

Alberta Blue Cross has been advised by Apotex Inc. that the shortage for Zamine 28 Tablet (DIN 02410796) has been resolved. Due to the long-term nature of this shortage, a transition period will be applied, and as a result, the LCA price policy will be reapplied to the following grouping effective **February 3, 2017**.

DROSPIRENONE / ETHINYL ESTRADIOL

3 MG / 0.03 MG TABLET

00002410796	ZAMINE 28	APX	\$ 0.3219
00002261731	YASMIN 28	BAI	\$ 0.4443

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Removal of temporary benefits from the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

Due to the shortage of Primaxin 500 mg/500 mg/Vial Injection (DIN 00717282) manufactured by Merck Canada Inc., Ran-Imipenem-Cilastatin 500 mg/500 mg/Vial Injection (DIN 02351706), manufactured by Ranbaxy Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc and Imipenem & Cilastatin 500 mg/500 mg/Vial Injection USP (DIN 02358344), manufactured by Sandoz Canada Inc. were added as temporary benefits for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

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As a result, Ran-Imipenem-Cilastatin 500 mg/500 mg/Vial Injection (DIN 02351706) and Imipenem & Cilastatin 500 mg/500 mg/Vial Injection USP (DIN 02358344) will no longer be considered temporary benefits for the *ADBL* after **February 2, 2017**.

When you have questions:

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at:

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